

**DESCRIPTION**

This CCA watershed flows into the 'Salmon Creek Coast' Area of Special Biological Significance (ASBS), located in Monterey County on the Big Sur Coast, south of Julia Pfeiffer Burns ASBS. This ASBS, which protects 3.4 miles of coastline and 1,458 acres of marine habitat, lies entirely within the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary and the California Sea Otter Game Refuge. There are many rugged, steep cliffs along this stretch of coastline, greatly limiting access to the waterline. This CCA includes the large wilderness watersheds of two perennial creeks, Soda Spring Creek and Salmon Creek, which drain into the ASBS. Much of these watersheds are located in the Los Padres National Forest. There are also several private homes located within the CCA.

Six other natural gullies and small streams also drain into the ASBS, plus 35 discharges. Many of the discharges are road runoff from Highway 1, which parallels the coastline several hundred meters above the waterline.



Salmon Creek, Big Sur Coast  
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**REASON FOR CCA IDENTIFICATION**

This watershed flows into the 'Salmon Creek Coast' **Area of Special Biological Significance (ASBS)**, which is a State Water Quality Protection Area.

**POLLUTED RUNOFF CONDITIONS**

	Top 5 Runoff Pollutants of Concern					Efforts to Address Pollutants (See next page)
Selected Coastal Zone Waterbodies	<u>Sediment</u>	?	?	?	?	
Salmon Creek ▲	▲					
Soda Spring Creek ■						
Potential Sources of Pollutants in Coastal Waterbodies						
Agriculture						a
Forestry (Silviculture)						
Urban Areas	▲					a, b
➤ Road Runoff	▲					b
Marinas & Boating						
Hydromodification						
Wetlands & Riparian Areas						a
Erosion/Sedimentation	▲					

<sup>1</sup> Information on sediment as a pollutant of concern is from the California Coastal Commission.

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### MAJOR EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT NPS MANAGEMENT MEASURES

<b>a)</b>	<b>Monterey County Resource Conservation District</b>	<a href="http://www.carcd.org/wisp/monterey/">http://www.carcd.org/wisp/monterey/</a>
	(831) 424-1036	
	➤ Helps farmers and landowners to adopt conservation practices on their lands; making significant efforts to deal with field and streambank erosion, sedimentation of spawning beds, and degradation of riparian habitat and estuaries.	
<b>b)</b>	<b>Monterey Bay Sanctuary Citizen Watershed Monitoring Network</b>	<a href="http://www.mbnms.nos.noaa.gov/monitoringnetwork/welcome.html">http://www.mbnms.nos.noaa.gov/monitoringnetwork/welcome.html</a>
	Bridget Hoover	(831) 883-9303 <a href="mailto:info@monitoringnetwork.org">info@monitoringnetwork.org</a> <a href="mailto:bhoover@monitoringnetwork.org">bhoover@monitoringnetwork.org</a>
	➤ Consortium of approximately twenty citizen monitoring groups that monitor the health of the watersheds flowing into the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary.	

### REGULATORY/PLANNING JURISDICTIONS

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